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CANCER IN PARAFFIN-EMBEDDED TUMOR DRAINING LYMPH NODES BY MULTIMARKER QUANTITATIVE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 7, 2008, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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